

**FARM AUCTION QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 through OCTOBER 30, 2015**

1. The "as is" condition of the property "non-pasture" has only grass growing. Would I be able to till this land with the permission of the landlord?
  - ***The successful bidder shall have possession and use of the Premises solely for Agricultural Production Purposes. The approved Agricultural Production Purposes are identified in the Bid Documents.***
2. I would like to plant dwarf fruit trees that can produce fruit in as little as 2 years after planting. With also a possible plan to have a vineyard. Would it ever be possible to grow dwarf fruit trees that is managed and properly taken care of on any parcels with prior permission by all involved in the term lease?
  - ***The planting of dwarf fruit trees and a vineyard are not an approved use of the lease premise.***
3. Is it possible to setup a u-pick or roadside fruit and vegetable commercial sales on this leasable property in the future?
  - ***Farm stands are not an approved use of the lease premise.***
4. Since I was registered for the September 29 auction, do I have to re-register for the November 19 session?
  - ***If you registered for the farm lease auctions, you do not have to re-register for the rescheduled farm lease auctions.***
5. The following questions are related to farm lease LE16-026: Would the following qualify as pre-existing conditions to be written into the lease if the successful bidder wishes to continue these practices?
  - a. The access to the farm from the road is in the area now marked for exclusion on the lease map.
    - ***If Access from the road to the leased premise extends across the excluded area, the Department will identify the access road in the lease agreement.***
  - b. Would the successful bidder be able to operate a retail farm stand at the farm?
    - ***Farm stands are not an approved use of the lease premise.***
  - c. Would the use of a greenhouse be an approved use of the leased premise?
    - ***Greenhouses are not an approved use of the lease premise.***

- d. One of the parcels has been identified as pasture and is current in use for vegetable production.
  - ***The pasture parcels were identified by the State Park Service and the successful bidder will be required to obtain written approval of the Landlord to change these parcels to crop production.***
- e. There is a sugar bush that is in use for the production of maple syrup on the excluded portion identified on Lease Map LE16-026.
  - ***If the Sugar Bush is located on the excluded portion identified on Lease Map LE16-026 is not included in the leased premise.***
- g. The minimum bid for this lease has increased by approximately \$1000 compared to the previous auction documents that were published in anticipation of the October auctions. The table calculating the minimum bid based on the USDA soil rates is also no longer available. Can you offer any additional information regarding the increase?
  - ***No***